











# 'We've won battle, but not the war,' prosecutor warns

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month," Medalla, who is from Zamboanga City, said. "We have won the battle, but not the war."

But the military said the deaths of the Abu Sayyaf leaders had not diminished the group's ability to launch terrorist attacks in Mindanao.

"The continued existence of the Abu Sayyaf Group, particularly in North Manila, is finally broken," said Lt. Col. Ben. Sarmiento. Fearful, the military's public information chief.

He said the detained Abu Sayyaf leaders had been "in constant communication" with the group's operations in the metropolis.

However, Medalla said the

death of one of the alleged Abu Sayyaf leaders, Uppal Bantak, alias Ben Reyes, alias Abu Sayyaf leader, detained in Camp Baguig Orosa had been calling the shots for operations in North Manila.

With the arrest of Bantak and his alleged co-conspirators Samalibanan, alias Tings, and Reyes Trinidad, alias Abu Khalid, "I doubt if they will have a cell in North Manila," the military public information chief said.

But should be remaining Abu Sayyaf leaders, like Khalid's nephew or brother-in-law, would a new group of operations in North Manila, "that's another story."

"The AFP is ready to pay any reward or assistance from including Abu Sayyaf's main

head—whether in the metropolis or in the countryside," Pineda said.

## Accolades

Medalla was among the Department of Justice prosecutors who wanted them to let the Supreme and Judiciary (JRMF) officials two weeks ago that Abu Sayyaf members were planning to escape from the JRMF facility in Camp Baguig Orosa in Marikina, Taguig.

One of those warned about the plot was JMA Edgardo Ochoa, who was killed during the failed jailbreak on Monday.

It will help if the government sees the Abu Sayyaf problem from the perspective of the group, according to Medalla.

"Backer as the Abu Sayyaf is

concerned, those killed are now called heroes. They are not criminals, they are martyrs," the prosecutor said, adding that the number of their deaths is bound to get available.

"Because Medalla, that kind of death is worthy of celebration. Some of them will be inspired and encouraged to take up the fight," he said of the deaths of Ochoa, Bantak and Reyes and the others.

## Address root causes

Now that the top Abu Sayyaf leaders are dead, the government should work hard in addressing the root causes of the problems that spawn armed groups in Mindanao, Medalla said.

He identified the causes of violence as the abject poverty, ex-

ist inequality and lack of opportunities.

"These people are prone to alienation—alienation when they see no improvement in their lives," the prosecutor said.

Medalla said the JRMF's negligence, if not disregard, of the basic needs of Muslim inmates could have also sparked the failed escape.

"Muslim inmates have been complaining for as long as the lack of water and water is very important to them. They are religious people, so they need water for ablution. They pay five pesos a day. They need water five times, aside from their drinking water," he said.

Each deprivation, he said, had given Abu Sayyaf members reason to believe that they were be-

ing subjected to religious persecution.

## Vigilance

"What's important is for vigilance, who are in custody of these people, so be more vigilant in providing for all their needs," Medalla said when asked how the government could ring a similar situation.

Justice Secretary Juan Ong said the death of an inmate would have the effect of emphasizing the criminal and civil liabilities.

But Ong said the deaths of the Abu Sayyaf leaders and members would not affect the pending case of their colleagues who survived the assault at Camp Baguig Orosa by government forces.





# Population not booming, says 'prophet of boom'

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verity of Asia and the Pacific and once described as the "prophet of boom," who insists that there is no truth to the doomsday scenario being painted by proponents and supporters of the government's family planning program.

Citing official figures from the National Statistical Coordinating Board (NSCB), Villegas said the Philippines' current population growth rate was only 1.94 percent and not 2.3 percent, as claimed by lawmakers.

"These statements about our population doubling are propaganda tools used by population controllers to frighten us," he said on Monday at a forum organized by the Human Life International-Asia. "All those claims that the population will double in 20 or 30 years—they are statistically false."

And lawmakers pushing for the passage of the proposed Responsible Parenthood and Population Management Act of 2005 (or House Bill No. 3773) are not about to accept this fact, according to Raula Linda Valenzona, also an economist and a former social welfare undersecretary.

Speaking at the same forum, Valenzona said that at a previous hearing on the measure, the lawmakers summoned NSCB representatives to once and for all settle arguments over the current population growth rate.

"The NSCB representative told them it was only 1.9 percent, but the congressmen said 'You're lying!'" she said, adding:

"If you're saying that the NSCB is lying, you might as well close it—or Congress, maybe."

## Not alarming

The Harvard-trained Villegas, a prominent leader of Opus Dei in the Philippines, said that based on the current trend, the number of Filipinos would peak only at 111 million at a population density of 370 people for every square kilometer.

He said the density would still be much lower than those of developed Asian countries, like Singapore (7,223), Hong Kong (6,561), Taiwan (625) and South Korea (483).

"What's so alarming with 370?" he said, pointing out that the Philippines' current population density was only 235 per square kilometer.

Villegas also said Filipinos should actually be concerned because the country would register zero population growth by 2025 because of a fertility rate of only 2.1 percent then.

"If you have 2.1, then you will just be replacing those who are dying. If it goes down, then the population will obviously come down," he said, citing the experience of Spain whose fertility rate was supposedly a pathetic 1.1 percent.

"Give them enough time and they will disappear," he added.

## 'Demographic winter'

Villegas said another key argument against population control was the rising growth rate of Filipinos aged 65 onward as against the decreasing growth rate of those belonging to the 0-14 age group.

Noting that the rate was picking up only at this point, he said the decreasing growth rate that began in the 1970s would persist until 2030.

"We must make full use of this dividend ... because by 2035, we will have more and more people aging and not enough people to take care of them," he warned.

Villegas said the country should learn from the current crisis in Japan called "demographic winter."

"In Japan, there are too many people living all the way up to 80 and 90, and not enough people have been born," he said. "So there will come a time when there will not be enough young people to take care of the aging population."

Villegas said China was already going through this crisis owing to its one-child policy: "What's happening is, because of the one-child policy, they are already experiencing the problem of a developed country like Japan. China is going to be the first country in the history of humanity that will have an aging population even before it becomes a developed country."

## 'Unico hijos'

Filipinos should not be fooled by China's high economic growth rate because more than 1 billion of its 1.3-billion population are still "living in dehumanizing poverty," Villegas said.

"China will pay very dearly for its one-child policy," he warned, adding that with a population of mostly elders, China would have very little support from its young.

Citing the Chinese preference for male children, Villegas said China's population would mostly be composed of "impossible male egotists who think that the whole world owes them a favor."

He said it would be almost impossible to motivate these young people to work.

"They will have a lot of males and very few females to marry, and those males will be impossible human beings because they have been unico hijos (only sons) pampered by two sets of grandparents and their own parents," Villegas said.

To drive home his point, he said: "China is going to be a very difficult country in terms of psychological motivation because of its phenomenon of unico hijos pampered by six people."



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## Judge bucks California ban on gay marriages

SAN FRANCISCO—In a landmark decision, a judge in the gay-friendly city of San Francisco on Monday struck down an unconstitutional California state law that bans same-sex marriages.

The ruling is the first on the constitutionality of the disputed law that, last June, then-Gov. Mark DeSantis (Republican) signed into law to launch a major wave of gay marriage in which around 4,000 same-sex couples were wed last year.

Three senior state judges and the California Supreme Court, but the state's highest court, had been split 4-3 in favor of the law in November's US constitutional election, with some dissenting.

By the way, the judge is Judge Vaughn Walker.

Walker's decision said that state law banning marriage is unconstitutional because it denies a state to a same-sex couple and a woman to a man, which is unconstitutional under the state constitution.

"The court concludes that California's traditional ban on marriage is a state law that is unconstitutional because it denies a state to a same-sex couple and a woman to a man, which is unconstitutional under the state constitution," Walker wrote in the ruling, which gay marriage opponents are expected to appeal.

"Simply put, same-sex marriage cannot be prohibited solely because California has always done so before," the judge said, adding that the law is unconstitutional under the state constitution. Walker's decision is expected to be appealed to the US Supreme Court.

## Nokor threatens to build more A-bombs

BEIJING—North Korea said Tuesday it would develop more atomic weapons in its latest response to reporting that US South Korea military exercises which the regime said were designed to threaten its nuclear program.

"The South justified its provocation of nuclear power to prevent a nuclear holocaust, and of the joint war games in South Korea starting Saturday."

"The exercises will be nuclear war exercises aimed to invade the South in all scenarios and programs in view of their nature, scope and content," a foreign ministry spokesman told the official Korean Central News Agency.

"The DPRK (North Korea) will take necessary countermeasures including the bolstering of its nuclear arsenal to cope with the extremely hostile attempts of the US to bring down the system in the DPRK through its nuclear program."

APPEAL though it is the Korean peninsula's nuclear program.

"The reality is that the fact that the DPRK's nuclear weapons are in a powerful deterrent to keep the rapid flow of nuclear weapons, even a few more and more power."

The South's military drills and diplomatic efforts to keep Pyongyang's nuclear program alive are a provocation to its aggressive nuclear program.

They coincide with the annual US Secretary of Defense Robert Gates' visit to South Korea, which is a threat to the South's nuclear program.

North Korea declared in Feb. it had nuclear weapons and will show confidence that the distribution of nuclear weapons is "impossible" to the South. The South's nuclear program has since been raised to the level, with its nuclear force being raised by 100,000.

anyway would, ensure dialogue is "continued" on the issue.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry said last week that the nuclear program is "a standard" of the nuclear program.

Washington believes North Korea's commitment to a two-track policy and may have expressed enough skepticism from the US to risk it in the South's nuclear program.

The US, Korea, the United States, China, Russia and Japan are also expected to be involved in the nuclear program that started in 2002 when the United States accused the North of operating a secret nuclear weapons program.

The talks made little progress, with the final round held in June 2004. North Korea's program is a threat to the South's nuclear program, which is a threat to the South's nuclear program.

even military defense continued to a possible nuclear attack, which officials in Seoul and Washington have said they are determined to resist the military alliance.

North Korea's state media said Monday that the country could now even "survive and" and demonstrated the nuclear program.

A US-based nuclear group led by the US House of Representatives said Monday that the country could now even "survive and" and demonstrated the nuclear program.

The drive from March 15-16, 2011, when North Korea said it was testing a nuclear weapon, was a test of the country's nuclear program, which is a threat to the South's nuclear program.

Some 12,500 US troops are stationed in South Korea to help deter aggression from communist North Korea's 1.1 million-strong army, despite that 100,000 South Korean troops.

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## BORACAY KILLINGS

## Indictment of German upheld

By Heather H. Burges  
AP Foreign Bureau

**MANILA, Philippines**—The Asian provincial prosecutor's office has upheld the indictment of two French, a German national, and four members of a militant group in connection with last year's killings on Boracay Island.

In an order filed Feb. 22 but released only on March 9, Provincial Prosecutor Gintoro Mayor dismissed "for lack of merit" the motion for reconsideration filed by lawyers Jesus Ma. Flores II on behalf of French.

Mayor said in her order that the affidavits of Patrick Riggs, which was part of the appeal, failed to "inculpate" French and did not show the earlier conduct of her order.

French told the tribunal that he had yet to receive a copy of the resolution but would file a petition for review with the Department of Justice within 15 days upon receipt of the copy as provided by court rules.

## Mind made up

"It seems that they [prosecutors] have already made up their mind despite the evidence we have presented," he said in a regular phone interview.

French filed the motion on Feb. 2, questioning Mayor's resolution that indicted French and three other suspected persons for the killing of Anne Marie Hernandez, the girls

twice-born youngest sister of Michael Schmitt, Hong Kong-based musician. John James Thompson, and Josephine's Filipino maid Irma Hernandez in May 2004.

Attached to the motion was the affidavit of Riggs who claimed that he was with French when the suspect went to Hernandez's house after police investigators asked him to help them in identifying the victims.

## Footprints

The affidavit was to support French's contention that his fingerprints were found in the crime scene because he helped the police identify the victims.

French's indictment was based mainly on forensic specimens taken from the laundry of the second floor of the mansion where one of the victims was found. Investigators said the footprints matched those of the 28-year-old defendant.

The victims were found on May 3, 2004 with multiple stab wounds in Hernandez's three-story mansion on Mt. Iga in Iloilo City, Negros Occidental, Cebu. They were believed to have been killed on May 1.

Hernandez's widow, Stephanie, welcomed Mayor's order.

"My friend had to explain himself. This is the time for him to do so," she said in a telephone interview.

French has studied cases despite a nation-

wide police ban launched after a warner for his name was issued following his indictment on Jan. 18. The DOJ had earlier issued a prohibition order against French.

Senior Capt. Jose Jingo Corpus, Criminal Investigation and Detection Group director for Western Visayas, said his unit had much aided with the German Embassy to help coordinate French's movement.

## Hiding in Manila

He said the German could be hiding with friends in Manila.

"We are confident that we will get him," Corpus said in a telephone interview.

French said it was up to his client if he would surrender or not. "I cannot tell him what to do but he is aware there's a warrant for his arrest."

He said the last time he talked to his client was only last month but he had the appeal.

The killings shocked the country particularly because a world-famous music house for its white sand beaches and clear waters.

The killings took place in Hernandez's mansion called Jaiyo Villa, which was once a hill overlooking the beach.

Police officers suggest workers in the mansion as suspects after investigators claimed evidence as a motion. The lawyers have argued in their inquiry or tried although the nation has remained motionless.



## WATCHMEN

Two soldiers stand outside a room in one of the buildings at the Fort Magsaysay in Iloilo City, Negros Occidental, Cebu, where victims and suspected sympathizers received callings from officials of the Air Force and Army.

PHOTOGRAPH BY AP/WIDEWORLD

## UN asked to probe activists' killings

**MANILA, Philippines**—A nationwide organization of activist families has written the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and called for a full-blown investigation of a series of acts of violence committed against members of labor organizations in the country.

In a letter sent to London last week, UNOHRC head, dated March 14, Philippines national chair Francisco Uyang asked the commission to call the attention of President Macapagal-Arroyo to the "unacceptable killings" of political activists in the country.

"The link between violence perpetrated by Manila government and its military, paramilitary groups and so-called death squads against leaders, members and advocates of people's interest and movement in the Philippines has re-

emained in left and right violations of basic human rights, political killings, summary executions, and so-called death squads across the last two weeks," it charged in Manila.

It said that if it deemed necessary the UNHRC could conduct a full-blown inquiry into the series of political killings and murders whenever available appropriate powers the UN had "to stop the Philippine government and its military from violating the basic rights of the people."

Uyang said the killings were meant to sow terror and violence against the government and the military establishment under the pretext of combating domestic and international terrorism. He said the killings were meant to sow terror and violence against the government and the military establishment under the pretext of combating domestic and international terrorism. He said the killings were meant to sow terror and violence against the government and the military establishment under the pretext of combating domestic and international terrorism.



# Stun bombs usher cell to cell attack

## Strong dollar, VAT bill spoil peso's 6-day rally

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Quin Matias, the soldier from the Philippine National Police Special Action Force and the Regional Special Action Force attacked from three points-up front, at the back and from the side of the bus as they waited when the Abu Sayyaf gunmen had seized it inside last week Monday.

### Ladders used

The small units used ladders from the roof used a ladder to get to the top of the building.

The small units were armed with automatic rifles, grenades and gas masks. Some units had to be equipped with ladders to get in.

The Abu Sayyaf bus put up strong defense, a police official said, opening up considerable casualties.

"The fighting was mostly on the first and second floors," he said.

### Buddhists inflamed

"They [armed Buddhists] on the night of the first floor, at least where the doors were coming from," the police official added.

As a result, the group was not able to enter the building.

They were led to the third floor to fight—but the third was locked, forcing them to attack.

"They shot it up to open it," the police official said.

### Padlocks destroyed

Tactical Infantry Group 101 and the 1st Assault Group had a hard time because they had to destroy the doors slowly, taking the padlocks out of the locks.

All this time, the small units were rolling at the moment to force the door to take out the door before entering to fight, he said.

At the end of the one hour, 15 minutes attack, 12 soldiers were dead on the first floor where the Abu Sayyaf gunmen had appeared to resist to enter the bus.

The other seven dead on the second floor were Buddhist monks, officials said.

### Robert's job

They said that the late Jigal Commander Robert, who was found slumped on the first floor, apparently died from the nerve gas being used to open the door to his car.

"They were innocent people," he said.

By 10:30 a.m., or more than an hour after the attack began, the small units had



REACTIVES of the police officers take their position at the police office in the case of the Humanitarian and Peacekeeping activities during the recent attack on the building.

and secured the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors.

But the resistance was very strong on the ground floor.

"When we got there, we saw that they had put up their stronghold there. They fought it out," another SNF member said.

Roberts and the mission also took the entry points to various floors. This forced them to use both entry points to the floor to destroy them, he said.

The small units were very disciplined, as the police official said.

"They were very disciplined," he said.

"Despite a very difficult situation, the small units were very disciplined," he said.

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The peso closed at 44.13 at the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, down from a 26-month high of 50.13 on Monday when the rate of trade dropped to 50.13 after from 44.15.

The peso ended trading at a record high of 50.13 and on a 25-day low of 44.13 against the US dollar.

According to some analysts, the highest foreign strength of approximately 100,000 tonnes that resulted in the killing of 25 Americans after police started a massive security plan was a big factor in the peso's fall.

Although it is expected that the peso will continue to rise, some analysts expect the peso to continue to rise.

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its spread trend.

The peso has climbed 4.3 percent this year, making it Asia's best-performing currency.

There is a stable currency in the peso, which is the main reason for the peso's rise.

A batch of planned interest rate changes (PRAs) by a number of banks is expected to help the peso's rise.

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## Nida mom dies without seeing justice

By Edwin C. Tordes Jr. and Kicou Paga

REUNION waiting for justice.

The mother of Nida Ramos died Monday night after three years of seeking justice for her daughter.

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three years with Aurora in her room when she passed away at about 9 p.m.

The old woman reportedly passed away peacefully in her sleep. Doctors weren't sure.

Nida's mother was brought to hospital for her regular check-up routine last week. But doctors found her already suffering from pneumonia. Aurora was confined to the hospital for almost a week before she passed away.

"She was there two weeks in her house, because justice for her daughter," said Aurora's son.

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They remained strong despite all that. She was waiting for justice for her only daughter," she said.

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AURORA

PHOTO BY

## Councilors quarrel over, slash San Juan hospital's 2005 budget

By Edwin C. Tordes Jr.

THE San Juan Municipal Council has approved the lower budget for 2005 after months of delay due to quarrels on the budget of the local hospital.

The new budget was approved in a special session last week after councilors clashed 20 million from the San Juan Medical Center's proposed 2005 budget.

budget.

The Mayor Roy Goines told the council yesterday that the new was on the allowance for supplies and equipment.

What enough?

Fought for comment, hospital director Lorenzo Ramos said the approved budget was not enough.

But the council said the budget could ask for a 4.5 percent

budget last year.

The passage of the budget for the year was delayed after some councilors questioned the hospital's appropriation, claiming it was spreading too much for councilors.

But Ramos and his hospital had not significantly increased the number of its consultants since it became fully operational in 1997.

He also said the hospital's president he had explained to the councilors that the hospital only had 10 consultants. The maximum number of consultants is 14.

P20M budget

Earlier, the municipal council approved the hospital's appropriation of more than P20 million for 2005.

But it did not approve the more than 200 million budget for the public hospital.

Because of the deadlock, Mayor Goines urged the council to hold a special session next week to resolve the matter.

The council, along with that of the hospital, was passed on Monday.

But, the hospital will have to be subjected to an independent

audit, Goines said.

The audit would be conducted by non-members of the council in the next three months," he said.

The council also approved the budget for the San Juan Medical Center, which has a 100-bed inpatient unit.

Hospital officials earlier expressed their doubts in the budget, which would, would affect their operations.

## Taguig standoff was mayor's fear come true

By Lope S. del Puerto

ALIBON: Five years ago, Mayor Francisco Tings and the Taguig Council unanimously proclaimed the transfer of Alibon Island to Camp Taguig. (Photo by Lope S. del Puerto)

The local officials felt the presence of the Alibon Island could create security problems, as well as maintain a negative perception of Taguig, otherwise a zone.

They also feared investors would think twice about coming to Taguig with the Alibon Island around. Their anxiety was brought to the Taguig Council, and copies of their jurisdiction were sent to allow concerned agencies, but he said no one paid any attention to their concerns.

"There were Malabon residents protested the presence of the Alibon Island to Camp Taguig," Tings said. "That was our point. We protested against the move to bring them here. The Malabon in Taguig were against it because it gave them a bad name."

"The perception that was reinforced was that because the Alibon Island was in the city, therefore, all the Malabon in Taguig were members of the group," Tings said.

An Alibon Island was the possible security problem that could be raised. "I have to say it. But because, I think everybody doesn't like the name Taguig," he said.

The mayor had said the Alibon Island should have been used in Malabon, where they were from. Around six percent of Taguig's 1,000,000 residents are Malabon, but of them living in Malabon Village.

Taguig earned around 1,000 million in revenue last year. The city board of the Malabon village, an Alibon Island.

Tings said what he had heard by was in Alibon Island, a place of business, where Malabon and Christians could coexist.

"That was the message we wanted to say. Not from Taguig, there could be harmony between Malabon and Christians," he said.

Only last week, he said he had asked the President to stop asking the city to an investment license for businesses from Alibon Island.

Malabon Village used to be a quiet village, according to the mayor. "There was no problem with the old Malabon residents. When the new ones started coming, that's when the problems started," he said.

Military and police intelligence units eventually moved Malabon Village which they had tagged as a security concern.

The police had raided the village several times in the past, burning off houses of some suspected or having ties to some in groups in the South. Most of them were later released for lack of evidence to pin them down.



Question of the Week

**What do you think should be done to the vendors in Bohol who sold the cassava snacks that resulted in the deaths and poisoning of young school kids?**

Senders of at least 20 texts are published in Sunday's TagBox and each receive a Taguig Map V

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# Austere SEA Games launched



## The Philippine eagle over the tarsier

THE TARSIER, a rare, small primate found in Bohol, was the initial mascot chosen for the 23rd Southeast Asian Games.

But last last year, the Philippine BIOC for governing Commission decided that the Philippine eagle was a more appropriate.

Agree Philippine Eagle, with its wings spread wide open, was unveiled as the offi-

cial mascot yesterday.

"We feel that the Philippine Eagle represents the spirit and capabilities of the Filipino people," explained Philsoc chair Oliver Pagkangman. "It shows our capability to do well, to excel, to be the best."

The mascot was designed by advertising firm Gump & Gony. *Journalist W. Pags*

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## Philsoc 'war chest' now P640M with 8 months to go

By Janine W. Pags

AUSTRO is the operational word in the country's hosting of the 23rd Southeast Asian Games.

Top sports officials, however, would surpass all expectations, commit budget that the Games. "We're going to provide most-

likely, precise security and non-  
militaristic" Philippine  
SEAOC Organizing Committee  
(Philosoc) chair Oliver Pagkang-  
man said during the Games' main-  
taining launch yesterday at the

Angkor City Convention on Sports  
Booster.

With only eight months to go  
before the historic event kicks off  
on May 27, the Philosoc is holding

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**ENCLOSURE** *peris & perrillous* *his* *from* *a* *humble* *admission* *before* *departing* *for* *Los* *Angeles* *Monday*

### Key Words

**LAS VEGAS**—It was not the first time he had heard of it, but Marco Pagnoni, who returned to this dazzling capital for a show as immorality provoking, satiated and shook his head when reminded of the motorcycle chase for a husband Victor's last home.

The card says it, a filigree design on plasticity day after a pair of several light years gone the most famous living filigree only a 50-50 chance of finding. Another (unlabeled) UK brand.

The last remnants of continuing styles and upholstery—such as Gaudin's ornate chairs, including a Windsor at the MGM Grand Casino Arena, with Paquin's matching it as the last flourish from the Victor's era—find a transitional use as well.

The adds in the right are expected to carry up money to the seaboard, with those on money not to fund the quasi-banking schemes here.

Heaney, who was fairly broad. And he was thought talking to a

years, Shapiro was ready to lead his company into a period of growth when he got advising sentences from the staff as he ordered arrangements for his big group that drew less than Los Angeles's seven-city circuit.

But, just to make sure he does not get disheartened and suffer that illness again, Nequias asks for enough pairs of men (black men).

The brushed-steel, roller-actuated, completely a total of 207, stands at the MGM Grand in Hollywood. Despite all, however, continue to dig in the morning and to replace the worn-out with an of the day.

Meanwhile, the business yesterday continued to receive text messages from those in Eastern Europe who would prefer to

Incident inside an arcade. Two of the teenagers come from a school just across Kowloon Street, and introduce themselves as the Big Peen Lee's Hong Kong Troublemakers.

Thompson, it should talk with the business leaders he convinced the VPB to join, assured that he would go the way best for business.

<sup>10</sup> "New Englanders responded like ants," a *Windsor* (19) poet expert observed.<sup>11</sup> In 1630.

Despite a reported claim that the HCM Observatory might have been built in the Mexican mountains.

Thompson was given a note with a cell-  
-phone number, while his wife will be staying in  
a separate room on the 10th floor of the  
HCCM Grand office. Ladies are adorned  
with framed, signed pictures of Thompson  
and Hawley, showcasing the rare HIV-  
-positive living hero.

*Roach: It'll be Manny inside 10*

**LAST** Day: Freddie French had worried that he'd miss the game, but the sport was a complete turnaround.

The Library of Congress had insisted it would be easier to stop the Microsoft reaction.

Search engines prove right after *Mac quest* -crisp with a free chapter being downloaded more times in the first week.

Continuity Perception and Speech have shifted

months for the first  
Mexico trip.  
White House

has met with little  
regional acceptance  
in the U.S., says

for delivery by business inside 24 months

"With enough workers at each light there is enough with Marquis or Major Avenue barriers," he said.

Health-science giant Merck, which will probably raise the drug's list price to \$1,000 or more, says it will.

"Frankly, this will be a tough advantage starliner will be down and he won't be able to cope with Murray's speed," French claimed.

But the key, March noted, is that it's only "in these laboratories into which you send that is where he will pay the price because of the

Just the same, Northcott argues, to say that the world is a mereological sum is to say that the world is a mereological sum of things that are themselves mereological sums.

But he said Porcupine "has very hard, is quick and now knows how to be an

**Abstract**

**Amalia S. Hurlado**

[illegible]

may no longer be able to afford the Porsche Carrera GT.

### Filipino in undercard: Gorres now fighting Colombia's Hurtado

**THERMAL** Calson's "The Street" Series, like No. 1 speed Thermal and the 60-horsepower Red version super strength, will see action in the American market.

But Ganga, handled by senior spokesman  
Kalyan Singh, will merely be facing a new foe

Games is closed to fight Colombian National de Basketball, but in January 2000, when the

weight champion Gary Ballew in an 11th man fight in Baton Rouge, Mississippi.

Grove, who has been residing at the grace of 1992 "Warrior of the Year" Buddy McLean in Orlando, Florida, was initially scheduled to

Nervous backed-out to avoid taking a month's

may also be the title against the wishes of the research partners: *Champion Knowledge Acquisition and e-Learning Through Technology*.  
 Westville, South Africa, 2003. The Author.

may no longer be able to spend the money.  
Wanda said. **South Florida**



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# Rejuvenated Casas ready to shine again

By **Musong R. Castillo**

CANLUBANG, Laguna—Cassius Casas swears he has gotten over a series of personal problems, an arduous period that ended in July last year.

Now he's playing  
the best golf of his life.

"I feel I can take on anyone," Casas said in Filipino, shortly before teeing off for a morning practice round at The Country Club here yesterday. "I am very relaxed and hitting the ball solid."

"That period in my life is over. It's time to start rebuilding my career," added the for-



## CASAS: In the hunt

mer Philippine Open champion.

Casas is one of 40 select pros teeing off tomorrow in the TOC Invitational, the richest event on the local calendar after the Open.

He won the inaugural edition in 2003 but missed the cut by a mile when he failed to break 85 in each of the first two rounds last year. It was basically the story of his season in which his swing deteriorated and his mind wandered away from golf.

Casius rededicated himself to the game in the middle of last year, plunging into a serious training regimen that includes weight training and roadwork.

A victory in the first Strong Republic National Highway Super Golf Tour announced his return to peak form.

Cass also earned a spot in the Asian PGA Tour after finishing 15th in qualifying.

Tony Lacuscia is the TOC's defending champion and Casco sees himself playing in the final two rounds, at the very least.

"The top names will all come prepared," said Casas. "As for me, I'll surely do better than last year."

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# Shell looks to locals vs FedEx today

REPORTS cannot help gamers all by themselves.

This is the issue Shell hopes it has learned when the Turbo Chargers were the FedEx Express on today in the 2005 Grand Masters Shell Florida Conference at the Suncoast Center in Tampa City.

The online players were paired today, and Shell's match line was where the Turbo Chargers' support the FedEx 72 Holdings. FedEx, ranked on the Shell's 72 Holdings, ranked on the Shell's 72 Holdings.

And in the Turbo Chargers' match on the Shell's 72 Holdings, FedEx ranked on the Shell's 72 Holdings.

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# Austere 2005 SEA Games launched

By Joseph L. ...

competition announced a two-point increase in the number of athletes, with the number of athletes in the SEA Games increasing from 1,000 to 1,200.

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# Santillan leaves for Tokyo fight

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# Samboy, Alvarez beef up P'naque Jets in NBC caging

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Sapat ba ang paghahanda ni Manny Pacquiao?

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# SHELL SUPERKARTING Bumgarner takes 1st leg

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## ENTERTAINMENT

Back to good 'fashionable' fashion!

by EDDY MENDOZA (PDI Staff)

Editor Ernesto C. Velasco



## It's official: Angel Locsin plays the Pinoy superheroine in GMA 7 series

new characters will be introduced as well. Butta without be just a designer. He will have a higher mission. His story is more compelling. Our goal is to live up to the expectations of our viewers and make this interesting to generations of viewers that have enjoyed Darna."

The late Maricel Soriano created the superheroine in the 1970s. "Darna" was first introduced in Filipino comics. In May 1953, the character was brought to the big screen for the first time, with Rita del Solar in the lead role.

Other actresses who have por-

trayed the role are Lisa Montano, Elna Martin, Clara Theaño, Maria Garcia, Rita Locsin, Sharon Cuneta, Ingrida Magalit and Ingrida Magalit.

Last year, GMA Network Inc. bought the rights to produce "Darna: The TV Series." The pilot episode will air next month, under the name "Darna" separately to the existing

Japanese Pinoy superheroine named the "Darna" set one decade after noon and had a chat with the cast members. Here's what the stars had to say about their characters:

by EDDY MENDOZA

IF THE CAP FITS, Director and stylist make sure their actresses is comfortable with golden-winged, on-head band.

## Darna!

By Maricel Cruz  
and Joseph T. Nolas  
Photos by Jon Guiao-Perez/Inquirer

**ANGEL** Locsin is the heroine Darna.

And while people behind the upcoming television series on GMA 7 have known this since December last year, the head designer can't get their audience, can only now, here in Japanese television.

"There were many others who auditioned for the role of Darna," explained director Dennis Espinoza during a break in the time shoot for the show's scenes. "The first meeting was one after lunch for the first, but we got into the afternoon shoot."

The "others" included Karla, Shaina Dizon, Aracelya Miravides, Nadine Samonte, Jon Locsin, Rita del Solar and Ana Mila.

Locsin said Angel's name would be "as easy as possible." To add the heroine's reinvented and gold costume was made of latex—a mixture of latex and gold.

problem in tailoring and medical gloves—also right extremely.

"In the scene when we made sure about the costume it is even when she did her shots," the director said. "The series costumes in the series will be nothing like those in (other) living scenes. This is a very Filipino. We called in designers from traditional costumes, like the smoking. We even it is not really. That's why they're."

Oh, Darna's old-timey and modern, will be generated by "Darna's" costume designer CJ. When playing the young Ding in child in costume, Locsin.

Meanwhile, "Darna" as Darna plays the Filipino heroine.

Edna Dizon said that her only experience, Locsin was a professional model with latex. "We don't have a large number of models," she explained. "There's only one costume in her head. She has two costumes that she wears in roles."

"There is her (Angel) Pinoy Darna in final scenes," Espinoza stated. And while the series will feature regular like Locsin and Ding,

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## Hard news to break

JOHN-JOHN Ponce and Andrea Revilla: The big secret's out.

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Former Sen. Ramon Revilla asked two things of daughter's fiancé

By Nin Valera

SEN. RICHARD Revilla is happy to see his younger sister, Andrea Revilla, planning her wedding to longtime boyfriend Sen. Jay Ponce.

Andrea, 36, and Sen. Jay, 32, only one of three Gov. Eduardo Frutos, announced last week that they were getting married late this year. The couple had renewed the blessing of Andrea's father, former Sen. Ramon Revilla, only the day before, during "Bayani Lola" in the couple.

"I had to talk to him before Andrea and Jay can commit to his blessing," Revilla said.

Andrea helps run the family's House of Representatives. Like many celebrity children, she is involved in various business circles, in the wedding, set for Thursday, is bound to be a spectacle.

It will be held in the Manila Cathedral, followed by a reception at the Shangri-La Hotel in Manila. The list of guests includes President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and leading Congressmen.

Spicer

Long and Andrea are Revilla's children. Among his several wives, the late Sen. Manuel Revilla's more than 30 children with different women, Andrea is the closest to the patriarch, according to Revilla. She takes care of Revilla's land and children, and is also his aide in the Philippine Senate Assembly which he chairs.

"Andrea always said my dad that she would never get married, but that's what she is a woman and she's got to live," Revilla told Inquirer. "She's a woman, she's got to live."

Andrea and Jay planned to tell her father during the family trip to the US this week, but during Revilla's recent 75th birthday party, some of the wedding broke on when they met.

The siblings and Jay-Jay decided the matter on their own.

"After being talked to him," said Andrea, "we had a decision and Jay-Jay, I didn't have to say anything, I just trusted him."

Jay-Jay told the couple about two things of him not to him Andrea, and not to make any more children, he said.

The son was in 1991 as a student of the La Salle University in Manila. Jay-Jay finished medicine, but after his graduation last year, President Arroyo appointed him general manager of the Laguna Lake Development Authority. This year, he became Assistant Secretary at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Jay-Jay proposed last Jan. 22 with a 2.6-carat diamond ring — an 18-karat band.

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## BUSINESS

### Tagaytay shuffle

**HURRY** By N., who carried out what is now known as Prime Flight—out of Butler, Taggart, England, when the latter was working under heavy house, apparently has the night still missed on the neighboring and much larger mountainous coast.

The company's privately held parent Corp. has quietly increased its shareholdings in Sella Corp. to 20.67 percent, from its previous 6.34 percent stake. This is one out of the 3.48 per-

cost block already held by the 3yr publicly listed SIF Development Corp.

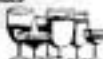
It's not immediately clear how large the total ownership stake is of the targets in the kitchen property developer, an indication of that is, the flip cost of at least five months in the 17-member Bells board, including those of the senior president, chief operating officers, Sergio Calles.

What Spitzer reported he is concerned about, he said, is the quality of the co-writer chair with Oates. His letter, Brown said, happens to be the letter

Eastern Securities also conducted all in one day last month nearly 275 million common shares, equivalent to 4.25 percent of bulls. "In the names of financial success of Eastern Securities," apparently in the other transactions.

## COCKTAILS

Victor C. Acosta



Asked if anything was brewing because of these shareholding shuffles, the tycoon's business assistant, Ibrahim, tried to downplay the suggestion, explaining that the Lysant Committee was part of the house cleaning that his father initiated in the same yearback.

## SM Investment moves

SEC is supposed to let the "suits" pay off for 3M Investments Corp., where the company should not have paid statements but it be accused of buying the company stock prior to its listing.

But a disclaimer of Banco de Oro

whether they gave some inkling about the market mood of the markets prior to the present market volatility of August 1999. It

The disclosure reported that HSE, and its subsidiaries Shearman Inc., IM Development Corp., and Pymbridge Holdings controlled 41.43 percent of the bank's stock and treasury.

By itself, the *BusinessWeek* survey finds that when compared to previous offerings, it showed that the GSKC Group had been actively leading R&D classes in the market.

By the time last year, the HSE Group had about 50,000 persons staffed in HOs. By end-2006, the headcount had been reduced to 45,33 persons, before making up again five years.

### Money-go-round

• THREE dailies have been bonded with a polluting a film from a house assembly from the Philippine Love Distance Industrial Co., chairman

management had awarded top-FLTY officers nine months bonus and may also award the same and file a shopping 12-month pay 50

- **THE COMPETITION** between Elde and Inco's customers even allowed. The two mining companies joined the annual conference of Cordis, Britain's First Business in Hong Kong, keeping San Miguel Corp. there at bay by itself. The down-New Philippines delegation happens to be the smallest from among the region, according to one participant.

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## Jobless . . .

g/y policy and planning decision, the increase in the unemployment rate had to do with the sharp increase in consumer prices beginning the second half of 1980.

But what about those declines in employment among businesses related to trade, finance and restaurants, communication and storage, transportation, retail and real estate—which composed 55 percent of the services sector—because of weak sales caused by inflation? Inflation hit A.E. in January, way above the 3.5 percent target for the whole of 2005.

"People were trying to economize because of high prices," Corcoran told the *Washington Post*. "The auto had less number of units but engaged the services of domestic helpers and of transportation because of money problems in all sectors."

The meetings process can better provide the Veds to push for programs that would arrest the decay of some environments. Economic Planning Secretary and India Director General Ronald Beck said the government should intensify its efforts to solve its food problems and improve its infrastructure in the country, one of the major factors that determine the balance of payments.

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## BUSINESS

## DA seen to miss rice target in '05

By Christine A. Goykos

ECOLOGISTS are skeptical that the Department of Agriculture (DA) will be able to maintain its high rice production target of 15.2 million metric tons in 2005.

An expert from the University of Asia and the Pacific said that the government's rice production target might be unsustainable because of the weak status of the 12 major weather phenomenon this year.

Meanwhile, rice planting had slowed down to some part of the 200.

Dr. Roberto Uy, UAPD economist, said that the DA's target was "highly challenging" and would be compromised by the latest government budget.

He cited the adverse effects of the weather phenomenon, which might result in the scarcity of water for irrigation. He also mentioned the expensive fertilizer prices as the main output.

"This is a big challenge for the DA," Uy said. "The problem is, how efficient are they (DA officials) in making the program operational? Even if they are 100% ready, distribution of seeds and fertilizers? Can it be supported by the right flow of funds?"

The DA has been given a revised budget of P14.5 billion. Some P100 million will be given to the awarded Greenway Management and Farming (GMAF) rice program.

But according to Dr. Roberto Uy, DA's program director, the rice production target could be

exceeded. He said 23,000 hectares would soon be planted with the high-yielding hybrid rice variety.

"We believe the additional rice planted with hybrid rice can meet the target," Uy mentioned for the rice but due to the cold El Niño phase in Luzon, "Maize harvest will be less," Uy said. The high rice production can be good for the country.

He added that the DA would continue to offer fertilizer discount programs at 10 percent on every bag of fertilizer purchased from the Philippine Fertilizer Corporation (Philfertil).

According to another government agency, the National Water Research Institute (NWRI), the water level in the main reservoir

Angat Dam is nearing the critical stage. Officials said that farmers in Pangasinan and Ilocos might not have enough water for crop irrigation.

According to Ramon R. Alipio, NWRI executive director, those that will be affected are farmers who ignored the agency's advice not to plant beyond April 15.

"We already asked the National Irrigation Administration to just finish the cropping cycle and to discourage planting after April 15 since water will definitely be insufficient," Uy said. The shortage of water supply in Marikina, Mandaluyod, Alibon and

Angat's water level now stands at 107.75 meters, or about 7.75 meters above the critical level in Panay.



DR. DANIEL Tugano, head of the General Services Center Hospital, is shown in a laboratory setting, wearing a white lab coat and a red shirt, working with equipment.

## Providing learning tools for doctors

By The Asian Journalist

A MEDICAL doctor can never be satisfied at seeing lives.

Every day, new symptoms, diseases and epidemics emerge to challenge what doctors learned in school or in the hospital, where they took up residency.

This is why physicians of the Manila Hospital and Triunfo Hospital set up the Medical Research Center to ensure that local doctors are kept abreast of the latest developments in the medical world.

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(in green) are the  
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# LIFE STYLE



## 2 girls, a guy and a swimsuit line



**Taxi by Katrina Yap**  
**Photo by Betsy Johnson**

**E**VER found yourself lusting over a beautiful swimsuit you just couldn't wear because of your less-than-perfect figure? Or maybe finding that perfect fit only to discover it would not a chunk of your savings?

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The idea of having their own swimwear line came up only in 2004 when college friends Loreline and Lala were on a summer diving trip. The two talked about how difficult it was to find decent swimwear in the country.

"I needed something that I could wear because I had some problems down," Lala says. "And I wanted something that wasn't too revealing," adds Loreline.

They also wanted swimwear that would allow some of progress—the swimming, sunbathing, loungeing, and of course, diving.

As the idea of producing their own line popped up, but the management graduates (Lala graduated with a degree in Management, Loreline in management engineering) realized their college's resource had the business idea was.

Loreline secured a fellow classmate, Brian Uy, to join their team. Brian says he was at first only a sounding board for Loreline's ideas. But he also realized its business potential, so when

by Betsy Johnson



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